

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF 401 APPLICATION

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Division of Surface Water (DSW) has received an application for, and has begun to consider whether to issue or deny, a Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification for a project to construct a regional storm water basin. The application was submitted by the City of North Royalton. The project is located north of Cedarwood Drive and east of York Road in North Royalton. The Buffalo District Corps of Engineers Public Notice Number for this project is 2014-00144. The Ohio EPA ID Number for this project is 144492.

As required by the Antidegradation Rule, 3745-1-05, of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), three alternatives have been submitted for the project. The applicant's proposed preferred alternative, if approved, would impact 1.03 acres of forested Category 2 wetlands. The applicant's proposed minimal degradation alternative, if approved, would impact 0.89 acres of forested Category 2 wetlands. The applicant's proposed non-degradation alternative, if approved, would have no direct impacts on waters of the state.

Discharges from the activity, if approved, would result in degradation to, or lowering of, the water quality of the Rocky River. Ohio EPA will review the application, and decide whether to grant or deny the application, in accordance with OAC Chapters 3745-1 and 3745-32. In accordance with OAC rule 3745-1-05, an antidegradation review of the application will be conducted before deciding whether to allow a lowering of water quality. All three proposed alternatives will be considered during the review process. No exclusions or waivers, as outlined by OAC rule 3745-1-05, apply or may be granted.

Starting February 6, 2016, copies of the application and technical support information may be inspected on Ohio EPA-DSW website:

<http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/401/permitting.aspx>

Persons wishing to 1) be on Ohio EPA's interested parties mailing list for this project, 2) request a public hearing, or 3) submit written comments for Ohio EPA's consideration in reviewing the application should do so in writing to Ohio EPA-DSW, Attention: Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 within thirty days of the date of this public notice.